GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:594
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ARC REPORT TO DECLARE ASSETS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering The proposal of the Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) which has suggested that all Government officials should declare their wealth at the outset of a key assignment to curb corruption;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;and

(c) the other recommendations of ARC and the steps taken by the Government thereon to curb corruption?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.594 FOR 16.5.2007 REGARDING `ARC REPORT TO DECLARE ASSETS`

(a): The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) has not made any such specific recommendation in this regard.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The fourth report of the ARC titled `Ethics in Governance` has inter-alia recommended (a) formulation of a Code of Ethics for Civil Servants focusing on `Public Service Values` towards which ail public servants should aspire; (b) amendment of the Prevention of Corruption Act to provide for a special offence of`Collusive bribery`,(c) doing away with the need to obtain prior sanction for prosecuting a public servant in cases of possessing assets disproportionate to the known sources of income;(d) providing for payment of damages by corrupt public servants to make good the loss caused;(e) changing the procedures for speeding up trials under the Prevention of Corruption Act, (f) making necessary provision to protect the bonafide action of public servants taken in public interest, etc. The full report is available at the website of ARC at http://arc.gov.in.
The recommendations of ARC are under examination of the Government.